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ESTES PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$88,405 USFA FIRE GRANT

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ALLARD CALLS GRANT GOOD NEWS FOR COMMUNITY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) announced that the United States Fire Administration(USFA) under the jurisdiction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency(FEMA) has awarded the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department a \$88,405 grant to assist with basic fire fighting needs.

"I am pleased that the USAF has awarded the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department this important grant," Allard said. "By supporting the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department the men and women who serve it, this grant will help make Larimer County communities a safer place to live and work."

The grant will be used for fire safety training, equipment, fire fighter health classes and fire prevention programs.

"This grant comes at a particularly good time with fires and drought affecting the State of Colorado," added Allard. "Our fire fighters deserve the best training and equipment we can provide."

The Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department competed against 19,500 other fire departments nationwide for a USFA grant.

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